

To his Excellencie the Earle of Leven, &c.
The Petition of all the Officers and Souldiers
under your Excellencies Command.

May it therefore please your Excellencie, to represent our desires in this behalf to the Honourable Committee: And that we humbly conceive the uprightness of our Intentions herein, (having nothing before our eyes but the good of Religion, his Majesties happiness, and the Peace of these Kingdoms) will procure a favourable acceptance of our endeavours.



*A Declaration of the Lord Generall,
the generall Officers, and the rest of the Officers and
Souldiers of the Scottish Armie.*

New-castle
27. June
1646.



He manifold Calamities and heavie Pressures, the sad Afflictions lying upon these Kingdoms this time past, and the great Effusion of Christian Blood, occasioned by the continuance of this unnaturall Warre, having so deeply wounded us; And being earnestly desirous to give some evident Testimony of our Piety to God, Loyaltie to our Sovereigne, and Love to his Kingdoms; That the constancie of our Affection to this Cause, our Zeal to the Reformation of Religion, and his Majesties Person and Authority in defence thereof, and our firme Resolutions to pursue the Ends expressed in our Solemne League and Covenant may appear to the World; We have thought it necessary in this juncture of Time (when all means are essayed by the Enemies of Trueth and Peace to disparage our Proceedings, by rendring suspected our best Actions and Endeavours, to the begetting of misunderstanding, and weakning the Union betwixt the two Kingdomes) to Declare and make known, that as we entred in a Solemne League and Covenant with our hands lifted up to the most high God, with reall Intentions to promote the Ends thereof: so doe we resolve (God willing) constantly to adhere to the whole heads and Articles of the same; and and for no Earthly Temptation, for no fear nor hope,

hope, to fall away and violate our sacred Oath.

We doe likewise professe that nothing hath been with greater care and faithfulness endeavoured by us, then to preserve the happy Union and Brotherly Correspondence between the two Kingdoms, as a principall meane of happinesse to both, and shall continue the same care to avoid every thing that may tend to the infringement, with a speciall regard and tenderesse to the interests of both Kingdomes: for the strengthening of which Union and removing every thing which might obstruct the same; as hitherto we have had no compliance, nor keep Correspondence with knowne Enemies and Malignants; so will we never hereafter give countenance or encouragement to any Person disaffected to the Parliament of either Kingdomes.

And that the integrity of our Intentions, & uprightnesse of our desires may be the more manifest, we do declare that we do abhorre all Publike and Private wayes contrary to the Covenant, and destructive to the happinesse of both Kingdoms; We disclaime all dealing with those that are Instruments of these unhappy troubles and impediments of Peace, and with all such Persons who will not use all means and Endeavours and contribute their best Councells and advice for hastening an end to our lasting Miseries, and procuring a sure and well-grounded Peace: And in particular we doe abominate and detest that execrable Rebellion of *James Graham*, utterly abjuring all maner of Conjunction with him and his confederates, and with all other known Enemies or declared Traitors to either Kingdoms, notwithstanding any insinuations to the contrary exprest in some Letters,

as is said to be sent by his Majestie to the Earle of *Ormond* in *Ireland*, for we have none but single intentions and unfained desires of Peace, renouncing all communion with whatsoever *Designes* and *Practises* contrived in the dark, to the prejudice of Religion, and Tranquility of these Kingdoms, the only principles by which we move.

And as we came into this Kingdom at the earnest desire of our Brethren, to assist them in the time of their great extremity, in the pursuance of the Nationall Covenant, not for any mercenary Ends, nor to enrich our selves; as is falsly and calumniously charged upon us, by those that wish not well to us nor our Cause, so shal we be most willing to depart and return home in peace with the same chearfulnesse and affection that we had when we came in; Nor shall the matter of money, or want of just Recompense for the service performed and hardship sustained, be to us an Argument of our stay, but leaving the consideration of these things to the wisdom and discretion of both Parliaments, we shall so far deny our selves, as not to suffer any private respects of our owne, to retard the Advancement of the worke, or prejudice the Publike good of both Kingdoms.

We cannot conceale, but must acknowledge how sensible we are, and have alwayes been of the many complaints presented to the Parliament of *England* against this Army, and the heavy calumnies and aspersions lying upon us, for having committed Insolencies, and oppressed the people by taking of free Quarters, offering our selves most willing and ready, that whosoever amongst us have by their Misdemeanours, Miscarriages, or Inordinate way of walking, Scandalized

Scandalized the Cause (for which we have taken our lives in our hands) or endeavoured to beget a Misunderstanding, or foment Jealousies betwixt the Kingdoms ; we shall strive to discover all such , and labour to bring them to publike Tryall, and condigne punishment : Not doubting, but as we are zealous to vindicate our honour and reputation from Reproaches, so the Parliament will likewise be pleased to have such favourable Construction of our proceedings , as not willingly to harbour any thoughts which may lessen their respects to us , and which are not futeable to the constant Tenour of our Carriage and Profession : And we shall likewise desire , that the manifold necessities and pressing wants to which we were many times reduced , may not be forgotten , and that the wayes and means appointed for our supply , neither answered the expectation of the honourable Houses of Parliament, nor satisfied our necessities ; so that for want of Monneys we could not alwayes discharge our Quarters : Yet do we most freely declare our willingnesse to allow off whatsoever hath been taken up by us : And for that effect we desire the Accounts of the Army to be adjusted , with the severall and respective Counties , that what ever can be justly charged upon us, may be discompted off any sums that shall be resting us in Arrear : And if we knew any thing else that could serve to remove all Jealousies and Misunderstandings , and beget a more full confidence of our uprightnesse, we should with the same readinesse apply our selves to all the wayes that might conduce thereto.

But because his Majesties sudden and unexpected
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coming into this Army , doth minister new occasion
to us, to give some Demonstration of our Constancy
(though we hope his Majestie came with reall inten-
tions to satisfie the just desire of his Parliaments, and
compose these unhappy differences) yet lest it
should bring in question the cleannesse and Integrity
of our wayes , whereof our Conscience bears us wit-
nesse, and our Actions shall be publike and reall Te-
stimonies ; we do professe that his presence with us
hath not begot any alteration in our minds in the least
measure, to estrange us from the wayes of our Cove-
nant, or alienate our Resolutions from going on zea-
lously, constantly, and unanimously, to set forward
the ends therein exprest, endeavouring (so far as
lyeth in our power) to improve that Providence of
his coming to us, to the publike good and happinesse
of both Kingdoms . And as it is our earnest desire
that his Majestie would no more suffer himself to be
involved in the counsels, whereof he hath now so sad
experience , to the indangering of his Person, Poste-
rity, and Kingdoms; so do we exceedingly wish that he
would comply with the Councells of his Parlia-
ments, to the satisfaction of his good people; and shal
be carefull that nothing proceed from us which may
give occasion to his Majestie to entertaine any secret
confidence that this Army will give Assistance for
advancing other Ends then such as are agreeable to
our Covenant , Conducing to the good of Religion,
the happinesse of the King and his Posterity , and
safety of the Kingdoms.

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A Petition presented by the Lord
Generall, generall Officers, and
other Officers in the Scottish Armie.

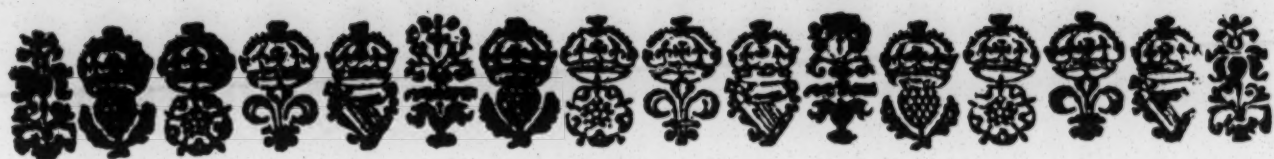
May it please your Majestie,

 *E your Majesties loyall Subjects and
faithfull Servants, The Lord Generall,
The generall Officers, The Colonells
and Captains in the Scottish Armie,
now in the Kingdom of England, from
the deep sence of the bleeding condition
of these Kingdoms, so prest with sad affliction, through
the unhappy differences between your Majestie and your
Subjects, from the true Affection and Zeal to the Refor-
mation of Religion, and your Majesties Person and Autho-
rity in defence thereof, and in pursuance of that sacred
Oath which we have taken, with our hands listed up to the
most high God; Do make our humble addresse, and tender
this earnest Petition to your Majestie in our own name,
and in the name of all the inferiour Commanders and Soul-
diers under onr Charge, That your Majestie in your Wis-
dom and Goodnesse may be pleased to take speedy course for
settling Religion and Church Government in this King-
dom, according to the word of God, and example of the
best reformed Churehes, and bring the Churches in the
thre Kingdoms to the neereſt Conjunction and Unifor-
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mity, and for establishing the Priviledges and Liberties of your Kingdoms, according to the desires of your good people. We may not conceale our unfeigned Grief, for that your Majestie hath not yet been pleased to Authorise and Signethe Covenant, which we are confident would bring Honour to God, Happinesse to your Selfe and Posterity, and indeare your Majestie (above measure) to all your faithfull and loyall Subjects: In the just defence whercof, as many of them have already lost their lives, so are we ready to sacrifice ours. We must also pray your Majestie to compassionate the distressed conditions of your Kingdoms, groaning under the heavie pressures of manifold Calamities, occasioned by the continuance of this unnaturall Warre, and to comply with the Counsels of your Parliaments, that all differences being happily composed, and the Armies in both Kingdoms disbanded, We may return home in Peace, or be disposed of otherwayes by your Majestie, with the advice of your Parliament, which may be most for your Majesties Honour and Service, and the prosperity of these Kingdoms.

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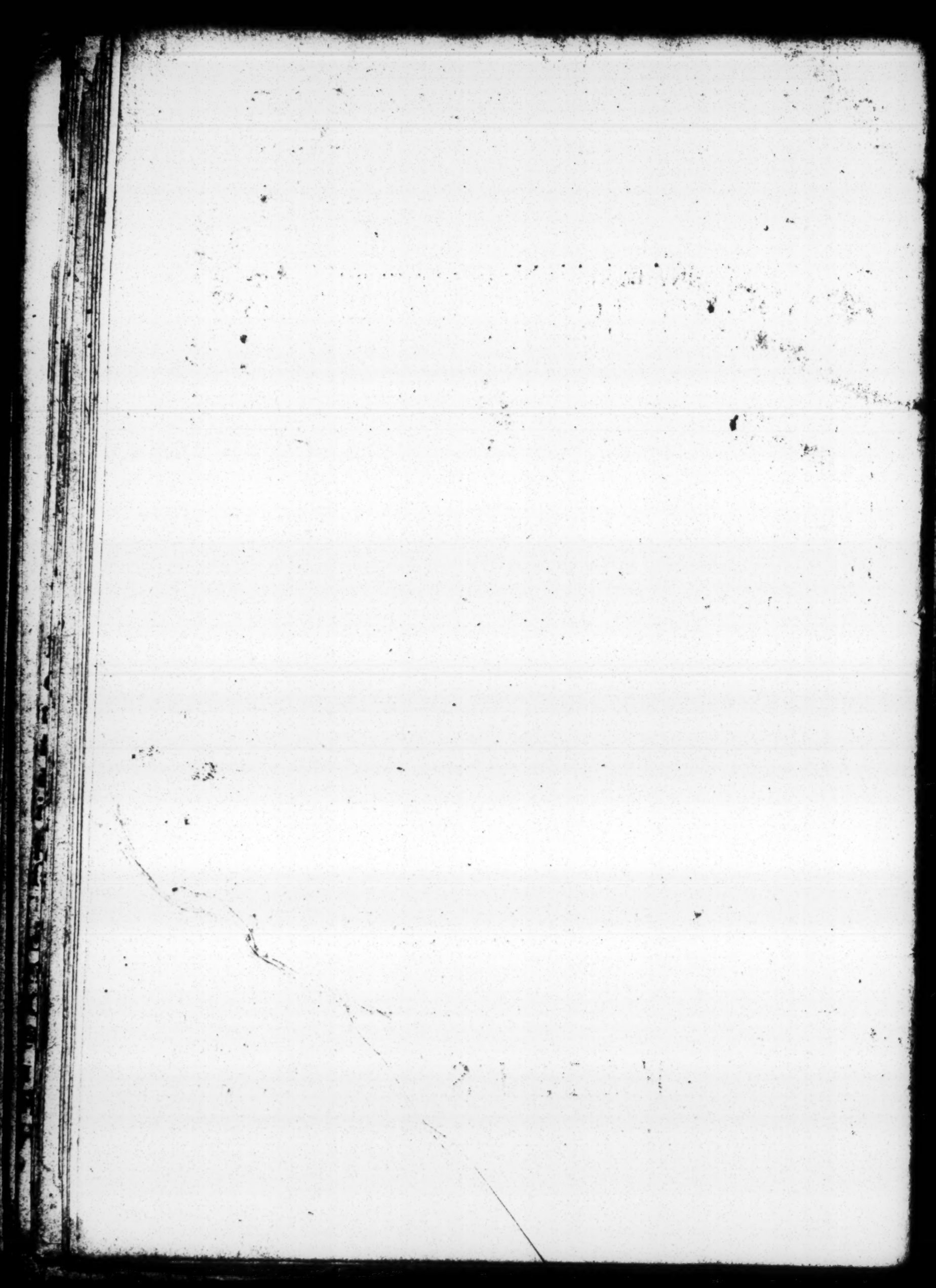


By his Majesties Command.

I Am in his Name to return this Answer to the Petition presented to him by the Lord Generall, The generall Officers, The Colonels and other Officers and Souldiers of the Scots Armie; That his Majestie came to the Scots Armie with full intention of settling an happy Peace in those his Kingdoms, and to satisfie the just desires of his good Subjects: And likewise to comply with his Parliaments, in all things which shall be for the good of Religion, and the happiness of his Subjects, which he will alwayes preferre to all worldly interests. And whensoever it shall please God so to blesse his Majesties endeavours as to settle an happy Peace in these his three Dominions, his Majestie will be very solicitous to finde out some means of honourable imployment for so many gallant men as are imployed in this Armie. *At New-castle the 27 of June 1646.*

Sic subscribiter *Lanerik*

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S. GEORGE

